

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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The Honorable Gerald Anton, President
Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
Route 1, Box 216
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Dear President Anton:

We have received a copy of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) February 2, 1988 letter to Mr. Burnett Grates. In reviewing the Tri City Landfill inspection report which was attached to the letter, we find that the issues raised by EPA, are similar to the issues that the Indian Community agreed to correct in 1980.

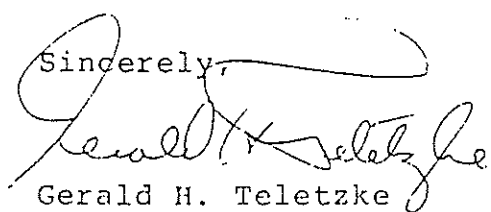
Please consider the State's position in this matter. The cities that utilize the Tri City Landfill have a statutory mandate to dispose of their waste in a safe and sanitary manner. It is the Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ's) responsibility to make sure that the cities comply with the statutes. The purpose of ADEQ's oversight role is not only to prevent pollution from occurring, but also to minimize potential future public liabilities that may result if a site requires clean-up or other remedial action.

I am therefore writing to you in the spirit of cooperation with the intent of opening our lines of communication. We would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you to formalize our communications, to promote a better understanding of the issues, and to establish a mechanism for having these concerns addressed.

In the near future, I will be contacting you to arrange a meeting. I hope at that time we can further discuss these or any additional issues. Please contact me at 257-2300 if you have any other concerns or questions.

I look forward to working with you to establish a cooperative and supportive relationship.

Sincerely,



Gerald H. Teletzke
Director

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